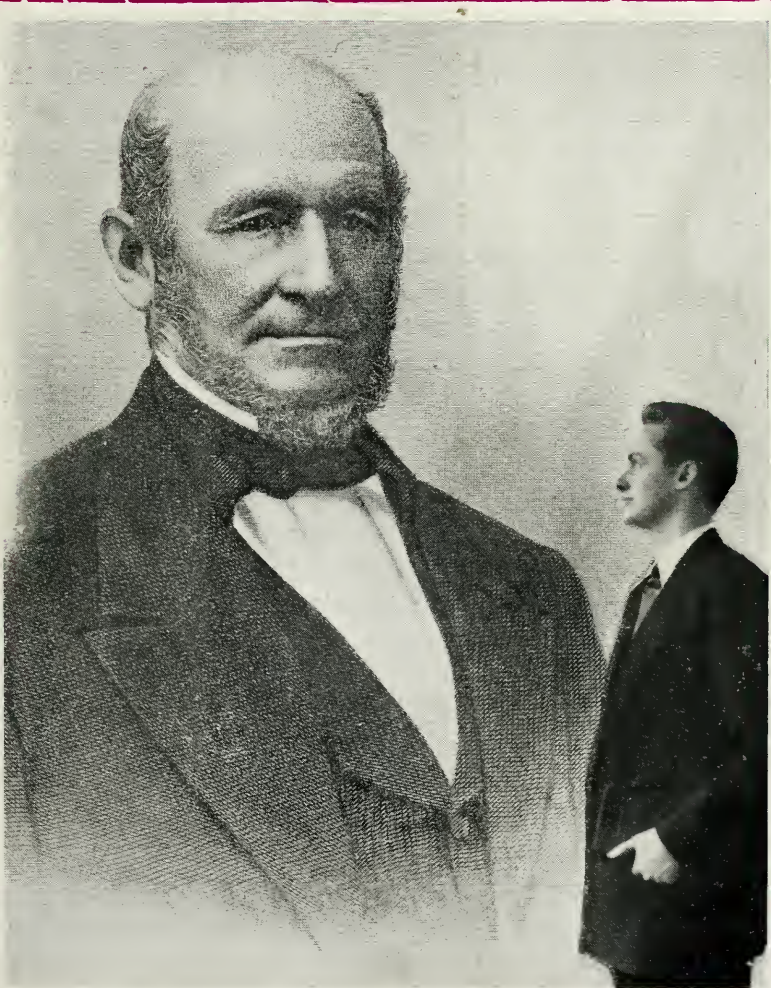


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ABOUT THE COVER

JUST 112 YEARS AGO this month Heber C. Kimball accompanied by six fellow missionaries reached the shores of Britain to open the first foreign mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These men were called under inspiration to bring the Gospel to a people ready for the message. Britain in 1837 was indeed "ripe and ready for the harvest."

Nearly 6,500 missionaries have since followed in the footsteps of Heber C. Kimball's little group. Although late decades have not been marked by the wholesale conversions of former years, their combined harvest has been plenteous. Unceasingly the Gospel message has gone forth to the honest in heart of Britain.

Within the pages of the July **Millennial Star** are to be found articles of special significance to missionary work in Britain, as is the cover photograph. To supplement the normal thirty-two pages this month an inset of sixteen pages has been added for the purpose of picturing the elders and lady missionaries now giving their full time for the propagation of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ in Britain. They are representative of almost 5,000 such Latter-day Saint missionaries scattered throughout the world today.

The testimony of these messengers of the restored Gospel, from Heber C. Kimball to the present day, constitutes a witness of truth to this land that cannot be lightly taken, for it will remain in force as long as the earth shall stand.

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THE MESSAGE OF THE RESTORED GOSPEL

By Alma Sonne

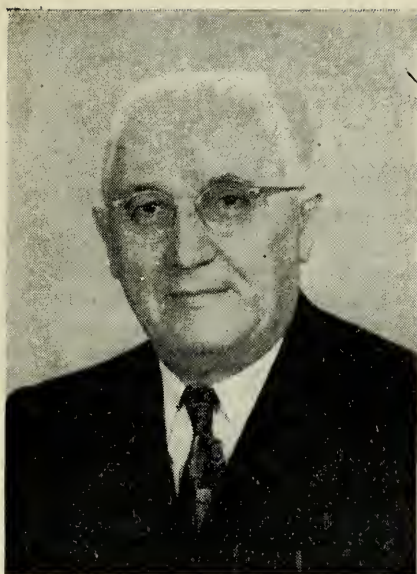
THERE is no substitute for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is God's plan to save humanity and to bring His children back into His presence. It is a Celestial plan which originated in the heavens before man's advent upon the earth. No man has a right to change it or to alter any of its provisions. Paul, the Apostle, understood this when he wrote, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8) Christ's Gospel was not to be perverted to suit the convenience or to satisfy the whims and sophistries of false teachers and others who seek to evade its responsibilities.

The Church, established by Jesus Christ and His Apostles, provided the machinery for the dissemination of the Gospel message. Authorised officers, duly commissioned and clothed with the Holy Priesthood, were called to direct and sustain its activities. It was not the prerogative of anyone to take "this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." (Heb. 5:4) In this way order was preserved, doctrines were safeguarded, high standards of conduct maintained and confusion avoided. It was not until the Apostles had been slain and the "falling away" occurred that true Christianity became divided and corrupted. Thereafter came compromises with pagan philosophies which brought about the eventual apostasy of the primitive Church, and true spirituality "hastened on to swift decay."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints proclaims a restoration of the Gospel with its gifts, blessings, powers and authorities. God, in His wisdom, has also re-established His Church upon the earth to function as it did anciently, with Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Seventies, Elders,

Priests, Teachers and Deacons. Organisations have been perfected, missionary work instituted, temples built and foundations laid for the full realisation of the "marvellous work and a wonder" to be accomplished in the last days. "Ye must be born again," said Jesus to Nicodemus, who had confessed his faith and manifested his desire to investigate the teachings of the Master. In their conversation Jesus referred to the Church as the Kingdom of God, an organisation through which the work of regeneration should be accomplished. It was to grow into an ideal commonwealth with a citizenship who had voluntarily accepted the leadership of Jesus Christ and subscribed to all of His laws and commandments.

The requirements for entry into that Kingdom are specific and definite. The sinner cannot enter without repentance, for Jesus taught the gospel of repentance and baptism by immersion for the remission of sins and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God," (St. John 3:5) said Jesus to the Jewish ruler to whom He specified the conditions of membership. The Kingdom of God is an actuality and must be regarded as a great establishment for the redemption and exaltation of mankind. It is not man-made. It emanates from God under whose authority and power it will grow and expand until it has filled the whole earth. The Prophet Daniel made this clear when he said, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall



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stand forever." (Daniel 2: 44) The restoration of Christ's Gospel and the establishment of His Church upon the earth in modern times marks the initial fulfilment of Daniel's prediction. Jesus taught His disciples to pray for the coming of that kingdom when He said, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6: 9-10).

The restored Gospel is identical in all respects to the Gospel taught by Jesus Christ and His Apostles. The requirements, the principles and the ordinances are the same. There is no deviation in fundamental teachings, no departure from the high standards demanded and no modifications in the authorised procedure. Clean living is the watchword of a religious and God-fearing life. The body is the tabernacle of the spirit and as such must be preserved and safeguarded against excesses, sensualities and intemperate living. The law of health known as the Word of Wisdom is a part of that

restored Gospel. Its observance makes for physical fitness, mental proficiency, moral soundness and spiritual development.

Mormonism, so called, is the final dispensation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the dispensation of the fullness of times referred to by Paul, or the sum total of all dispensations "gathered together in one" for the redemption and glorification of all those who will abide in the doctrines of Christ. Its author is the Son of God who died for the sins of the world, whose life in mortality taught men how to live and whose resurrection proved that death is not the end.

The Prophet Joseph Smith when asked to point out a distinctive feature of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints replied, "We have the Holy Ghost." It is the spirit of revelation upon which the Church is founded. It is the "abiding witness" of the Father and the Son and is conferred by the laying on hands by one authorised to do so. It testifies to the repentant, baptised believers that Jesus is the Lord and clothes them with conviction respecting the truthfulness and divinity of the restored Gospel. This conviction, which is a sacred, personal testimony, is the strength of the Church and accounts for its wonderful achievements and the steadfastness and loyalty of its members. It is the explanation of the unity which exists in the Church and which has characterised its various undertakings. It explains the missionary system, the colonization efforts carried on so successfully in the past, the building and maintenance of temples, Church schools and seminaries and the operation of the welfare programme projected so extensively in the states, wards and missions of the Church. Nothing short of the knowledge and certainty which come through the exercise of faith in God and His promises could inspire the support necessary to foster and develop God's Church and Kingdom upon the earth. It is the mission of the Holy Ghost to

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BRITISH MISSION TODAY

By Selvoy J. Boyer

President of the British Mission



“**A**ND this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.”

With this divine commission the members of the Church have responded with their voluntary service in a manner which cannot help but raise wonderment in the minds of onlookers. Wherever men are willing to listen, the witness of truth is being taken to their homes by faithful young Latter-day Saints.

Various means of propagating the Gospel have been tried over the years, and it has been demonstrated that the growth of the Church comes, not through fanfare and show, but from a steady stream of personal contacts made by members and missionaries alike. To those who have asked how results are being obtained in the British Mission today, the only answer is that they are obtained through the faithfulness of the Church membership and missionaries who are doing their duty and living their religion.

Sensing the importance of their responsibility to carry the Gospel to the people of this great land, as the missionaries do today, some have felt that the work could be accomplished more effectively by employing more “modern” methods of contacting people. In seeking to propagate the Gospel more efficiently they do well, and it is not my desire to decry any honourable

method they may use. However, I do wish to point out that the impressive results gained through the tried and proven methods of tracting, open-air meetings and cottage meetings continue to show that the “old” ways are still effective. As God’s kingdom upon earth the Church has been directed by Him in seeking His sheep, and it follows that those who are chosen to deliver His message should walk those paths that will lead them to personal, individual contact with the meek, the lowly in heart, the truth-seekers.

These missionaries who conscientiously employ the time-proven methods of missionary work reap success in their labour and feel the honest thrill of personal growth and development.

Pursuing this course has brought steady progress to the British Mission. Since the close of the late war, fully organised branches in Britain have increased in number from twenty-nine to seventy-one, each giving opportunity to the membership for spiritual growth through participation in all the organisations. One can feel the warmth, the gratitude of those Saints, previously living great distances from organised branches, who are now able to enjoy the full benefit of their church organisation because it has come near enough for them to take part.

Even though emphasis has been placed upon tracting, open-air meetings, and cottage meetings, new means for making Gospel contacts have not been shunned. Utilising the traditional British market day, many elders have rented market stalls to display attractive posters and literature in town and city market squares. Market days bring the country to the city,

thus giving missionaries an opportunity to contact many new people.

Posters have been used successfully in the underground railway system of London. Millions of Londoners and visitors travelling daily in the "tubes" have seen the colourful Book of Mormon posters, many of whom have sought further information. Altogether, the tube poster project has been very fruitful.

For many years basketball has been used to advantage in placing the name of the Church before sporting fans of the world. In Britain each district has had the opportunity to form a basketball team to proselyte the Gospel and help boost the popularity of the young but growing game in Britain. As noted in this issue the London team has won the national senior basketball championship of England and Wales for the past two years. Their trip last winter to Czechoslovakia bore fruit in



vast publicity and good will for the Church in that country.

Over the B.B.C. of Newcastle and Glasgow, in the Sheffield football stadium, to multitudes gathered in public markets, in Hyde Park, in theatres, schools, hospitals, clubs and before listeners numbering thousands in all parts of Britain the newly-formed Millennial Chorus have made a lasting impression with their tuneful renditions of the songs of Zion and other favourites.

If Joseph Smith, without a divine commission, had chosen a few men with special talents to carry a false gospel message to all parts of the world, long before now it would have faltered and passed away. But today the divinity of this work is attested in the lives of the youth of the Church who come on missions, in the light that glows in their eyes as they determinedly perform their task of proclaiming the divinity of Jesus Christ as a witness to all nations. You who read this message, look into the faces of these young men and women whom the Millennial Star has brought into your home. They are an irrefutable testimony of the efficacy of the message which they bear.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT RELIEF SOCIETY FIRST TO OBTAIN 100%

RESPONSE of the British Mission Relief Society members to the drive for the Building Fund has been very gratifying. This project has been carried on throughout the whole of the Church, both in Stakes of Zion and Missions, for the past two years.

Although it is not possible for the sisters in the British Mission to send money out of the country, they were nevertheless anxious to make their contribution to the new Relief Society building. They, therefore, decided to present a gift to the Relief Society, something which will represent the British members and be a reminder to all who see it that Britain has played her part in making the project successful.

A number of branches in the mission have donated 100 percent of their quota. Varteg Branch in Wales was the first to do so. Probably the most outstanding record is that of the Liverpool District where all branch Relief Societies have responded 100 percent. At the Liverpool District Conference Sister Gladys Boyer, President of the British Mission Relief Society, was presented with Liverpool's full quota, amounting to £51:10:6. This is a record of which they can well be proud.

To ensure the success of this project, cooperation of all the members is required. Liverpool has set a praiseworthy example.

The Work of the Ministry in Great Britain

By Hugh S. West



THE history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a fascinating record of peoples and events which can find its parallel only in the story of the primitive Christian Church. Outstanding in this history is the record of missionary work in Great Britain.

From that clear Spring morning in 1820 when a young lad poured out the desires of his heart to his Heavenly Father, and in answer received the first of a series of revelations, steady progress has been made in declaring this fact throughout the world. As in the former Church of Christ, the Latter-day Church was confronted in its infancy with a degree of oppression experienced by few religious organisations. From its origin there were many tribulations to be encountered, but it was not until the year 1837 when the Church was located in Kirtland, Ohio, that the whole world seemed to turn against it. In this "darkest hour" the Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that something must be done for the salvation of His Church. This something was to be the opening of missionary activities across the waters, and more specifically, on the shores of Great Britain.

There can be little doubt that this revelation was truly given of God, for the future events proved that here was a field which was indeed ripe and ready for the harvest. There is a stimulating story behind the lives of those seven men who were set apart to bear the message of the restored Gospel to this foreign soil. The group was led by Heber C. Kimball and included such distinguished Church leaders as Orson Hyde and Joseph

Fielding. They were characterised by lowly circumstances, a humble and contrite spirit, and a zealous desire to give to the world the Gospel message. Their travelling conditions were anything but what we would call luxurious. It was a great test of faith to give up their work and families to travel three thousand miles across the ocean at a time when the Church was greatly in need of support at home.

When they arrived at Liverpool on July 20th, 1837, aboard their small sailing vessel, they had but a few pennies in their pockets. Heber C. Kimball describes his feelings as being 'peculiar,' "particularly," he continues, "when I realised the importance and extent of my mission; the work to which I had been appointed, and in which I was shortly to be engaged. However, I put my trust in God, believing that He would assist me in publishing the truth, give me utterance, and be a present help in time of need."

The accomplishments of these first travelling elders to Great Britain are well known throughout the Church. Within ten days nine persons had been baptised in the River Ribble near Preston. A typical example of their early success was an experience of Heber C. Kimball and Joseph Fielding, who left Preston one day to visit several near-by towns. After five days of labour they had converted and baptised 110 persons and organised four branches. It was the first time that these people had ever heard the voices of "Mormon" missionaries, or, for that matter, had ever seen an American.

In one day of tracting, Heber C. Kimball records that as many as

twenty persons "were convinced of the principles of the Gospel and were baptised." At the time of the April, 1838, conference, over eight months had elapsed since the arrival of this small group of missionaries. The fruits of their labours were ample evidence of their being directed by the Spirit of the Lord. Two thousand people had been baptised, and the organisation of the Church had been solidly planted in the soil of England.

Although during the next twelve years there were, on the average, only seven missionaries in this land, the number of conversions grew until more than eight thousand were baptised during the year 1850. The Lord directed his servants to those people who had a desire to know the truth, and who had the courage to accept it when it was given them. Oftentimes it meant breaking family ties, invariably there were problems associated with the discarding of former beliefs, and more than often there was the shouldering of severe oppression. In short, these times were hard; yet blessed by the Lord, they were days of prosperity for the spreading of the message of truth.

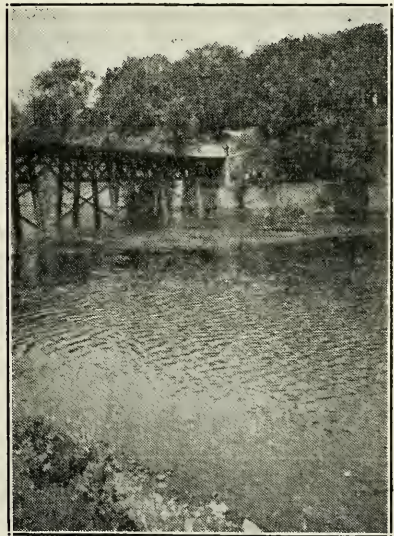
The stories that could be related of this period would fill countless volumes. Each day afforded new and thrilling experiences for these early missionaries. There are stories of persecution and hardships from which they and the Saints emerged triumphant, and stories of how the maimed were restored and the sick healed. Outstanding would be the story of their great faith.

The record of Heber C. Kimball and his contemporaries was only a beginning to the work that was to be a history of progress. The height of this progress came during the '50's and '60's. This colourful and thriving period for the Church in Britain proved to be the backbone in the building of Zion. Nearly 22,000 were recorded as emigrating to Zion during this score of years. How many more left for the New World can only be a matter of supposition.

The frontiers were conquered by these people who gave up all they had to gather to Zion.

In the leaner years that followed conversions were not so rapid, but oppression did not cease. A "Mormon Embargo" in 1879 was circulated among the European countries in the form of a legislative measure to prevent emigrations of Latter-day Saints to Utah. However, this movement died out partly because of the reaction of the newspapers to an enactment which "would restrict a people concerning their religious beliefs that were entirely within the law." Emigrations continued at a very high level throughout this period.

Shortly after the turn of the century anti-Mormon crusades were launched for the purpose of checking the missionary work of the Church. An anti-Mormon demonstration was held in London in April, 1911, and another in Liverpool, and a number of minor ones in other English cities. One case of "tar-and-feathers" is on record in addition to other personal assaults. It was



River Ribble—First baptisms performed here

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“Caught by the Mormons”

By Elizabeth Souter

THE following extracts are from a letter written by a vicar when members of his church were baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Apostle Charles W. Penrose was at that time presiding over the European Mission and wrote the pamphlet—“A Spirited Controversy.”

“St. Nathaniel's Vicarage,
Liverpool.

“I have heard with pain and shame of what took place last Wednesday (referring to baptism) and have therefore removed your names from our Bible class and Communicants' roll. Now for your sakes (and I think you will value this in the future) I wish to put on record my firm conviction that none of you knew what you did. With a shameful haste this sect, having caught you, has hurried you on to a step by which it fancies it captures finally and securely its prize . . . Now, the time will come when, taught by a bitter experience, you will realise that ‘Mormonism’ is not Christianity at all, and that you have really denied Christ Jesus . . .”

Daniel H. C. Bartlett.”

Many years have passed since the above was written by the vicar to the members of his parish who joined the



Salt Lake Temple

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I was numbered with those who received the order of confirmation in St. Nathaniel's church and who later accepted the faith of the Latter-day Saints. I was with those who emigrated to Utah where I lived with, worked amongst and associated with the “Mormons.”

It has been my privilege to fill a mission in the Northern states. When I received the second call to missionary service and was given the opportunity of returning to my native land, there came to me the great desire to meet my former pastor and present to him the truth about conditions in Utah from personal experience.

This opportunity came to my companion and me recently. We were received graciously and accorded a lengthy interview. Before we partook of the hospitality extended, I made it plain that I was still a Mormon and in good standing in my church. Mr. Bartlett remarked, “I never expected to see you again.”

I told him how happy I had been in Utah and that instead of realising that “Mormonism is not Christianity at all” as he had predicted, that I was convinced that Mormonism is the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness and represents true Christianity in every sense of the word. I voiced the opinion that instead of “denying Christ Jesus,” my acceptance of Mormonism had given me a greater understanding and deeper appreciation for the divine mission of our Lord; that Mormonism truly magnifies the mission of Christ that did not begin on earth or end on Calvary's cross.

“Do the Latter-day Saints believe in Jesus Christ?” repeatedly asked the

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National Champions Repeat

FOR the second year in succession the London "Latter-day Saints" basketball team concluded a successful season by winning the national senior basketball title of England and Wales. On May 28th nine London elders invaded Leicester to defeat the Oldham Latvian squad in the championship tilt by a score of 83-28. High point man for the day was Elder Doug Duncan, six foot five inch centre from Salt Lake City, who bucketed 26 points in the three quarters he was on the floor. Twelve hundred fans were gathered at the arena in Leicester to witness the game.

Organised twenty-one months ago, the London team has amassed an impressive record of games won. In the entire period only two losses have been credited to them, and at the presentation of the winner's trophy in Leicester, the officials stated that the London Latter-day Saints were not only champions of England and Wales but were "probably the best team in Europe" today. During the twenty-one months missionary transfers and releases have been absorbed by the team without great loss in excellence of play. Not



Back row, left to right: Richard D. Lambert, Charles L. Welling, Robert E. Riggs, Douglas Duncan, George T. Choules. Front row: Ralph L. Mecham, James M. Toone, Quinn G. McKay, Hugh S. West.

one of the group of nine elders comprising the present squad has been with the team for the entire period.

As to the value of basketball in the missionary curriculum there can be little doubt. Prestige and publicity gained for the Church in sporting circles of Britain is a tangible asset to the work. Even outside of sports circles basketball furnishes a point of contact with the interests of the man on the street. It constitutes one more means for demonstrating to the public that Mormonism stands for something wholesome, active and progressive.

IN real life the peculiarities and oddities of a man who has anything whimsical about him, generally impress us first, and it is not until we are better acquainted with him that we usually begin to look below those superficial traits, and to know the better part of him.—Dickens

Preview of Two Years in the British Mission

ARRIVING in the mission field is a marvellous adventure that opens up a new life of learning. It is like starting anew with all the past forgotten. Learning new ways and customs is an exciting experience that keeps the mind open and reaching for knowledge. It's true that looking ahead into a vast, unknown future makes two years seem a long time, but looking two years back is but a short moment's glance. It is hard to say exactly what is ahead, but by judging the past we can estimate the future.

As a newly-arrived elder the thing that stands out more than anything in my mind is a realisation of my weaknesses. They stand out in front of me and make me quake with humbleness. Entering the mission field is like taking a step into mid air and trying to stand alone. When I was at home and had a talk to give I could fall back on mother or dad to get help in making it. When I had a problem in school I could go to one of the family for help. Here I can't fall back on them or lean on them. Now when I fall I must fall upon my knees and ask the Lord for help. He is my "leaning post" here. He is the only one that I have to fall back on. Though my ability may be small, my humility is great, and when I am in need of help it is always there. I know the moment that I am confident in myself alone, I shall fall and fall hard.

I am not expecting foolish adventure, excitement or to become as a man trying to live away from the world of reality and teach of an ideal Utopia, but I expect to teach an every day religion that people can use today and find greater happiness and joy in life. Religion is not a house in which to seek refuge from the trials and responsibilities of life but is rather a set of tools

By Robert W. Smith

with which to construct the abundant life.

Some few realise the worth of the Gospel that we have. It is an ideal plan of salvation that can be lived and can coincide with whatever occupation one is engaged in. There is a joy before each missionary that will not be written in the sand of his mind but will be carved in the granite of his soul.

I know the work must be slow, but I remember what is said in the Doctrine and Covenants, 18:15: "And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father." It is like the old Hindu proverb, "Help thy brother's boat across, and lo, thine own has reached the shore."

There is a deep, burning feeling in my heart because of the kind and generous people I have left behind. To the friends and loved ones at home I give tribute for their sincere, honest devotion. A person cannot realise how precious are his many friends until he leaves them. Their faith in me, gives me an added incentive to make the best of the opportunities that lie before me.

Standing on the threshold of this new life, filled with humility because of my weaknesses, I am also filled with a determination to magnify my calling as a missionary. Having never seen anyone who didn't enjoy his mission, it is a challenge to me to go out and make that joy mine.

Review of Two Years in the British Mission

By Robert E. Riggs

AS I sit, chin in hand, viewing in retrospect the events of the past two years in Britain, thoughts all confused and disorderly rush upon me. Of those first, confused days in Britain, days of adjustment to new conditions, of wondering how I would like the work and the people, the few details that stand out clearly in my mind appear to me now as commonplace and inconsequential. They are such things as my first English breakfast of kipper and porridge and the rows upon rows of, to me, quaint chimney pots.

Then, too, I remember the slim, blonde, smiling missionary who stood on the steps of "Ravenslea" to shake our hands and bid our little missionary group welcome to mission headquarters, and I recall with a thrill our first night at Hyde Park. With heart in throat I mounted the stand, took a deep breath, then shouted at the top of my voice, hoping that my words would hide my inner palpitation. When we left the Park that night I felt a deep glow of satisfaction at having for the first time borne my testimony publicly to the citizens of Great Britain.

In the months that followed a new life began to unfold. My expectations upon coming into the field were great, but I was not disappointed. What thrilled me most was the realisation of a growing testimony of the divinity of the work I was representing. There were no signs or miracles, unless it be the miracle of a self-conversion that was steadily encouraged through ordinary incidents of every day, through service, study and prayer. My feeling of happiness in the work grew also through experiencing the strong bond

of fellowship that exists among the missionaries and through associating with those humble Saints who were truly living their religion.

First to Catford, then to St. Albans my assignment as a field missionary led me. A maze of cottage meetings, branch meetings, and new responsibilities form the collective mental picture that I see. Discouragement, to be sure, was to be reckoned with, but for that, work was a sure cure. More subtle opposition to my progress was a tendency to inwardly ridicule or become callous toward those who rejected our message. A thousand times I must have stood at someone's front door, my hand on the knocker, praying silently, "Father in Heaven, help me to love these people and to have only a desire to serve them." I prayed for what I needed most.

Months of continuous labour with and for the members of a small branch build ties that are not easily broken. Rejoicing with them, weeping with them, sharing their problems, heartaches and happiness alike — those things are a missionary's privilege of priceless value.

After eleven months in the field I was called to take different responsibilities in the office of the **Millennial Star**. There I soon found that the help of the Lord was just as necessary and just as tangible as it had been in the field. Humility and dependence upon our Father in Heaven were needed in the office as much as they ever had been in the field.

Thirteen months have passed since I became associated with the **Millennial Star**, and I now stand at the close of a two-year mission to Britain. Behind me lies a path, the general trend of which I would not wish to change were

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TURNED TO THEIR FATHERS

By W. Flint Dickson

ON the plain white pages of this **Millennial Star** you have been looking at pictures of men and women. The large majority are young in years and experience, and few have been away from their homes for any extended time. Their stories and experiences would fill volumes, but the purpose of this brief sketch is not to magnify the missionaries. There is another important aspect of missionary work which is oft times overlooked, although it is closely associated with the missionary. Before you read any further would you turn again to one of these pages bearing photographs, pick out a single picture and observe it carefully. Look deeply in a searching, thoughtful frame of mind, and then, if you are concentrating, this single picture can be imagined to reveal not only the countenance of the missionary but that of two other individuals who are almost as much a part of the missionary as he is of himself. To all missionaries it is no mystery who these individuals are. Our thoughts of our fathers and mothers speak out in our minds daily.

When an individual is called to serve on a mission, the parents are called too. Although they never leave their homes they play one of the most important roles in the success of missionary work. In most cases it is the father and mother that make it financially possible for the young missionary to stay in the field; it is they who have "marked the path and lead the way" that their sons and daughters would go. It is their prayers and faith that sustain missionaries in their discouragement and despair. Those letters from Dad and Mother are more precious than silver or gold; although they bring but simple words like **dear, work, tired, gospel, fine, testimony, God bless, and love**, they ease home-sickness, assure support and love and give courage and renewed determination. Their entire lives become devoted to that member of the family in the mission field, and through him they mani-

fest their affections to God and His work. Were it possible they would do more . . . this we all know from experience.

After the bishop approaches a prospective missionary and puts the question before him, his thoughts are, "I had better go and talk it over with Mom and Dad." Of course an individual feels it is his duty to accept once he is called, but such things as finishing school, finances, marriage, and other problems have to be pondered over and settled in the individual's mind. Parents whom we didn't think knew much a few years ago, seemed to have all the answers to why we should accept the call of a mission. "You could finish your schooling when you returned; we would see that you got the money—it would be easy; your future will be greater with a mission and its experience behind you." They offered this sound advice and more. It is rather striking, as I look back, that never once did they try to discourage me. From thousands upon thousands of just such beginnings young men and women have answered the call to serve their Lord. Today they couldn't begin to express how grateful they are for the advice and heritage that their parents gave them.

We as missionaries may occasionally feel that we are making a sacrifice, but only a brief moment of reflection is needed to tell us that it is our fathers, mothers—yes, sisters and brothers too—who are sacrificing. They ask for no special rewards or considerations, yet all who sacrifice to keep someone on a mission usually sum up their feelings in the words of the psalmist, "My cup runneth over." If ever one thought that parents are not rewarded then he has missed looking into the face of a father or mother as their missionary, now home again, relates his experiences and bears his

testimony. Tears of joy speak soft like the dew from heaven. Nor is all tribute given to father and mother together, for in many cases it is just Dad, or Mother, whoever is left. These single guardians are some of God's most valiant children. Also, there are those who are supporting a brother or sister in the mission field whom we should not fail to mention in this short tribute.

Having sat through scores of missionary testimony meetings I feel that

I can speak without reservation when I say that no missionary has yet failed to acknowledge—before God and man—his parents' love and help. It is truly stirring to hear missionaries thank God for their loved ones with tears of joy swelling in their eyes.

“And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers . . .”
(Malachi 4: 6)

STRIKING STATISTICS

NUMBER OF BRITISH MISSIONARIES*			BRITISH MISSION BAPTISMS		
1837-1839	-	21	...	1837-1839	- 1,517
1840-1849	-	64	...	1840-1849	- 34,299
1850-1859	-	191	...	1850-1859	- 43,304
1860-1869	-	295	...	1860-1869	- 16,112
1870-1879	-	379	...	1870-1879	- 6,295
1880-1889	-	637	...	1880-1889	- 6,061
1890-1899	-	1,121	...	1890-1899	- 3,742
1900-1909	-	1,376	...	1900-1909	- 7,587
1910-1919	-	688	...	1910-1919	- 3,911
1920-1929	-	786	...	1920-1929	- 2,349
1930-1939	-	574	...	1930-1939	- 1,892
1940-1949 †	-	371	...	1940-1949 †	- 1,057
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Grand total for				Grand total for	
112 years 6,502			...	112 years 128,126	
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*Note—These figures represent travelling missionaries sent to Great Britain from other countries. They do not include the unnumbered thousands of British-born missionaries who have served while still being citizens and residents of their native land.

†Covers period to include June 15th, 1949.



The Children's Page

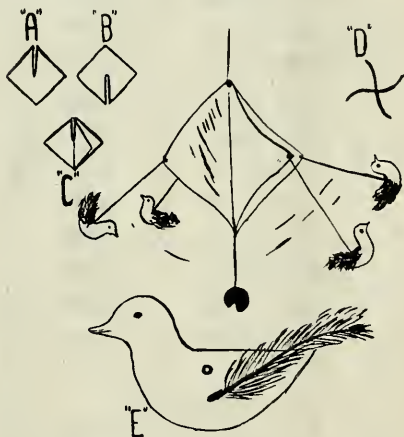
By June Carlisle

BED IN SUMMER

In winter I get up at night
 And dress by yellow candle light.
 In summer, quite the other way,
 I have to go to bed by day.
 I have to go to bed and see
 The birds still hopping on the tree,
 Or hear the grown-up people's feet
 Still going past me in the street.
 And does it not seem hard to you,
 When all the sky is clear and blue,
 And I should like so much to play,
 To have to go to bed by day?

—Robert Louis Stevenson

SOMETHING TO MAKE



From tin cans or cardboard cut two 4 inch squares. Slit one down halfway and the other up halfway. (Figures A and B) Put together. (Figure C) Curve all four points to catch the breeze (Figure D)

Cut four birds out of cardboard and punch a hole in the location of the one indicated in Figure E. Tie a 6 inch piece of string from the bird to the point of the "whirler." Paste a feather on each side of the bird, if you can find one. Tie a little weight, a bell, or even a stone at the bottom. Hang it from

the ceiling of your porch where the rain will not touch it and the summer breezes will whirl the birds round and round.

A PUZZLER

M	T	E	D
O	L	A	N
Y	R	G	P

Can you find eleven boys' names within the twelve squares? Start with a letter and go any direction you wish. Do not skip any letters as you spell the names.

Answer on page 237.

CAUGHT

"When I was a boy," said an old man to me one day, "I was often very idle and used to play during the lessons with other boys as idle as myself. One day we were caught by the master. 'Boys,' he said, 'you must not be idle; you must attend closely to your books. The first one of you who sees another boy idle will please come and tell me.'

"'Ah,' I thought to myself, 'there is Joe Simmons, that I don't like. I'll watch him, and if I see him look off his book, I'll tell the master.'

"It was not long until I saw Joe look up from his book, and I went up at once to tell the master.

"'Indeed!' said he, 'how did you know he was idle?'

"'I saw him,' I said.

"'You did? And were your eyes on your book when you saw him?'

"'I was caught, and the other boys laughed, and I never watched the idle boys again.'"



RED LETTER NOTES

from the experiences of our missionaries

CZECH INCIDENT

While travelling in Czechoslovakia on their basketball tour last February, the ten British Mission elders occasionally found it necessary to produce identification for the inspection of Czech government officials. On such an occasion a group of six elders in one compartment of a train were approached by two young Czech officials, one wearing a furry Cossack cap, the other bearing a note pad and pencil. Although the two did not speak English and the British Mission elders spoke no Czech, there was in the company, fortunately, a Czech missionary who was able to act as interpreter.

Elder Ronald Salo, being first in line, was asked to produce his passport. The passport was opened by the short official in the tall Cossack hat for a brief inspection. In Czech he spoke to the other official who carefully noted something on his pad. Through the interpreter, Elder Neil Keller, Elder Salo was told that a date stamped in his passport was incorrect, thereby necessitating further investigation. Accompanied by Elder Keller, Elder Salo was taken to a private compartment of the train for questioning.

First his money was confiscated as had been the passport. Next, a startling question came from the fur-hatted young official: "Have you ever been in jail?"

For a moment Elder Salo was about to answer, "No." Then his thoughts flashed back to his childhood when, for an anxious half-hour, he had been detained by the Los Angeles police for his part in a youthful prank. Gulping,

but truthful to the core, Elder Salo could only say, "Yes."

At this admission the inspectors showed great concern and demanded a search of his baggage. Inspection of the baggage revealed a camera, which, Elder Salo was informed, must also be confiscated. At the thought of losing his camera Elder Salo grabbed for it frantically, shouting, "Take the film, you can have the film, but let me keep the camera!" His words had no effect, and the camera too was confiscated.

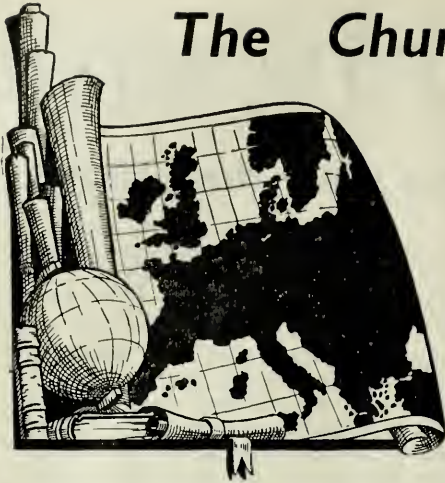
Finally, after a lengthy discussion between themselves, the two officials announced that Elder Salo would have to accompany them off the train at the next station. The look of despair that appeared on the elder's face will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed it. The two officials then took their leave.

Two minutes later the door of the compartment, opened, admitting once more the two Czech inspectors. In perfect English (accent strictly American) the man in the Cossack hat gravely stated: "Well, Brother, everything seems to be in order."

Elder Salo's jaw dropped a foot, while his companions rolled in the aisles with laughter, in concert with Cossack-hatted Elder Glazier and note-taker Elder Baker, two Czech missionaries who had boarded the train at the previous stop.

MISSIONARIES: Send in your interesting experiences for recording on this page.

The Church in Europe



SWEDISH MISSION HEAD RELEASED.—President and Sister Eben R. T. Blomquist who have been presiding over the Swedish Mission for the past three years were recently given their honourable release to return home according to instructions reaching the European Mission Headquarters. Sister Blomquist has been suffering from ill health for the past several months and the doctors have ordered her back to America where recovery of her health will be expedited. President Blomquist will accompany his wife on the steamer "Gripsholm" which leaves Stockholm on June 21st. Under the presidency of Brother Blomquist the Swedish Mission has emerged through the post war years with a good record, and the work is rapidly developing into one of the most fertile fields in Europe for the preaching of the Gospel. President Blomquist's two counsellors will assume the responsibility of directing the mission until a new mission president is appointed by the First Presidency.

FINNISH BASKETBALL ELDERS TOUR MISSION.—A basketball tour of Finland was recently completed by eight missionaries labouring there. They played in eight of Finland's

largest cities and were shown much courtesy by their hosts. They lost two games, one being against the Finnish Champions in the finals for the Finnish Championship. The missionaries were able to make many contacts on the tour and they received very favourable write-ups in the newspapers concerning their type of play and sportsmanship and the fact that they were missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This publicity came at a time when it was most needed to help disprove Communist claims that Mormon missionaries were in that country for purposes other than to spread their religion.

LIFTING THE BERLIN BLOCKADE HELPS GERMAN SAINTS.—The recent lifting of the "Berlin Blockade" by Russia and the counter-blockade imposed by the Americans, British, and French has made it possible for the German Saints to receive much needed welfare supplies. Already several carload shipments of wheat, vegetables, and clothing have been received at the East-German Mission headquarters for distribution to those members of the Church who are still dependent upon the Welfare Programme for their daily existence. Most of the welfare goods being sent to Europe are for members living in the East-German Mission.

MISSION REPORTS PROGRESS.—President Evan P. Wright of the South African Mission has recently completed a seven week tour of his mission and reports that the spirit of the Saints and missionaries is very good. Recently missionaries have been sent to sections of South Africa where they will be required to learn the Afrikaans language. It is thought a more friendly reception will be had if missionaries can speak the tongue of the people they labour among.

THEY WILL GO FAST! There is a limited supply of the July Missionary Edition of the Millennial Star. If additional copies are desired, orders should be placed immediately.

Your Missionaries.....



.... On this page you see them in candid poses at work and at play. Within are individual photographs of each missionary now labouring in Britain. They are, for the most part, a youthful force, but they are eager to fulfil their full responsibility as ambassadors of the Lord in this land.



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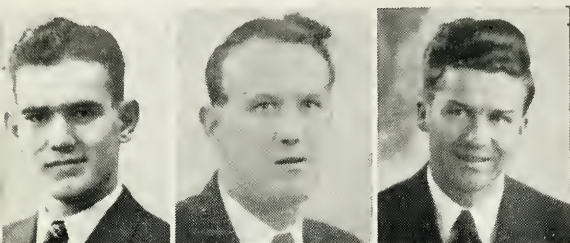
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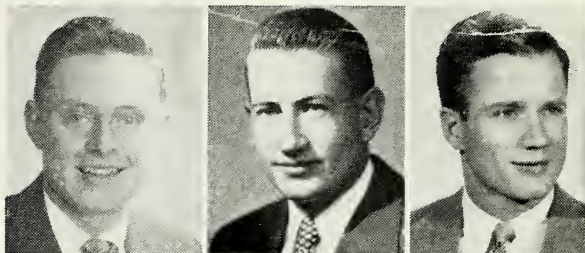
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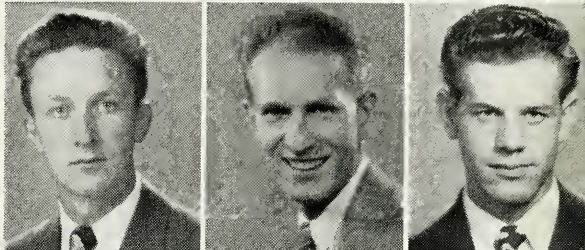
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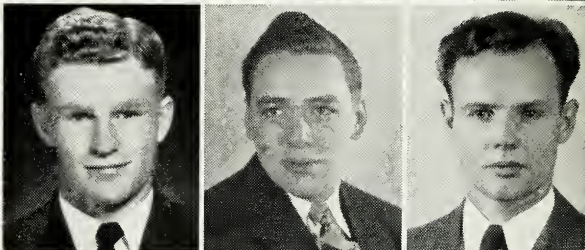
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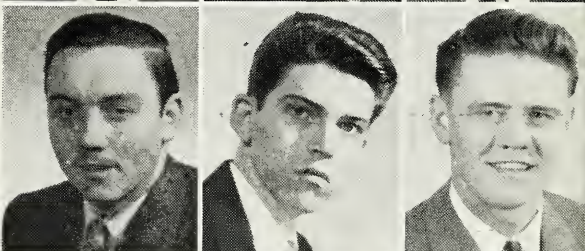
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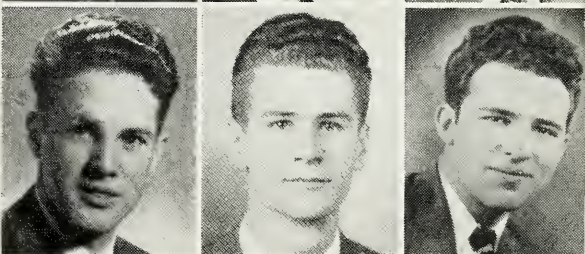
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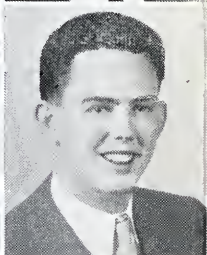
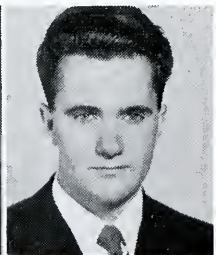


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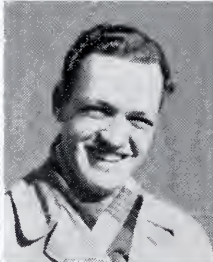
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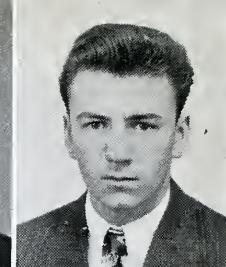
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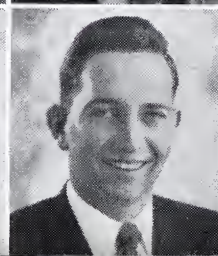
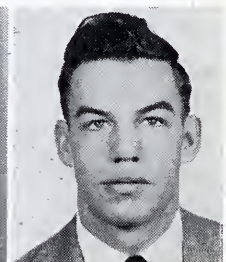
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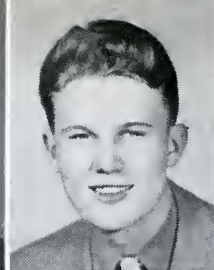
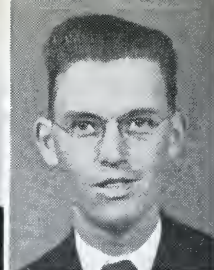
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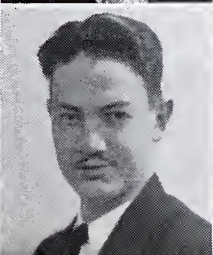
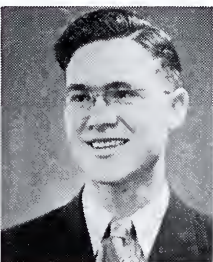
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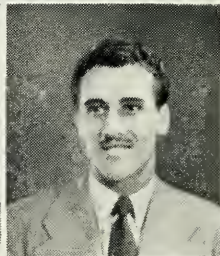
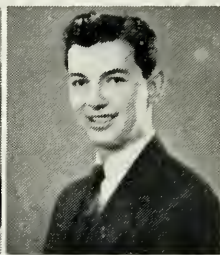
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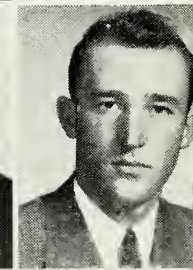
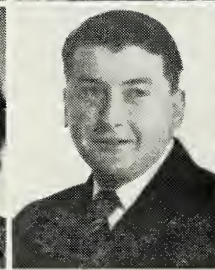
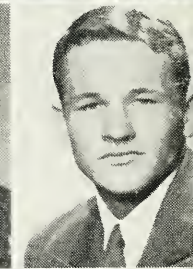
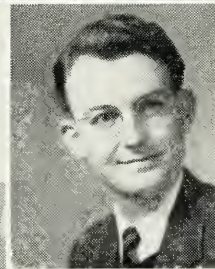
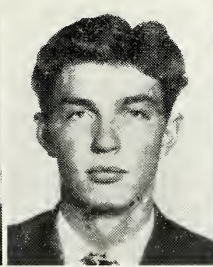
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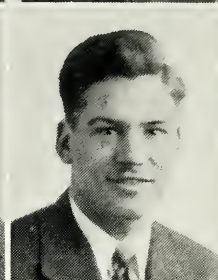
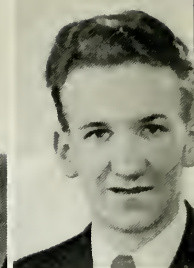
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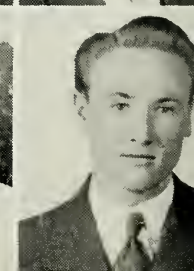
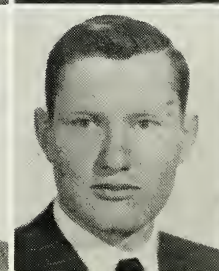
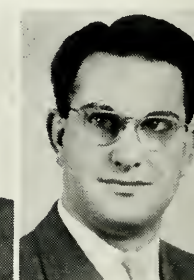
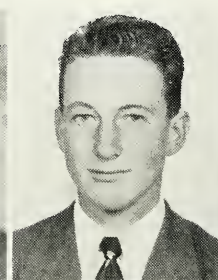
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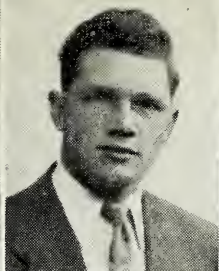
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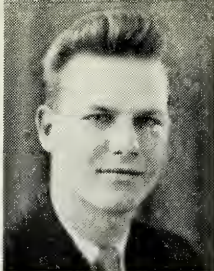




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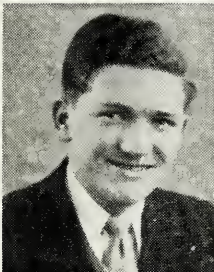
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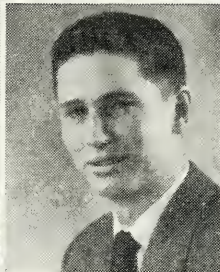
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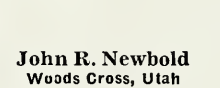
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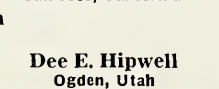
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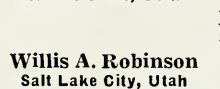
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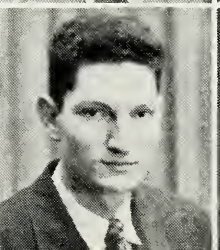
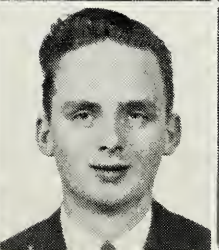
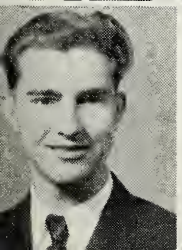
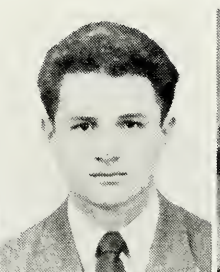
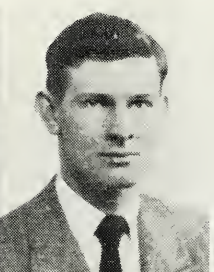
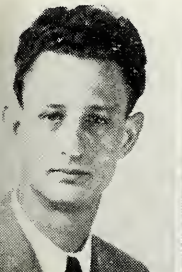
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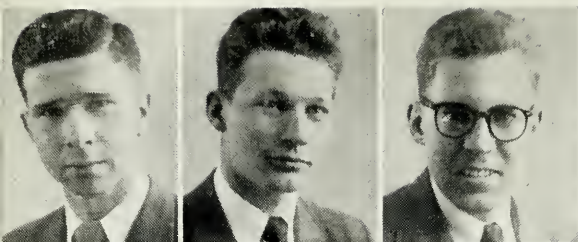
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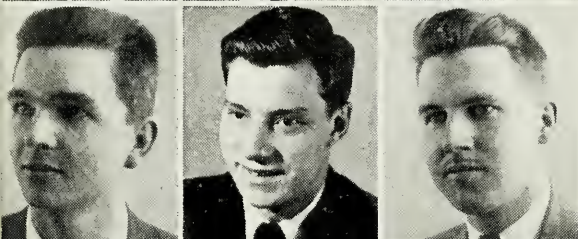




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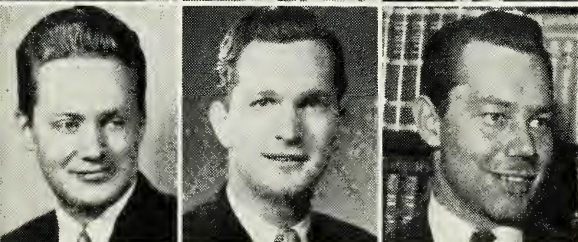
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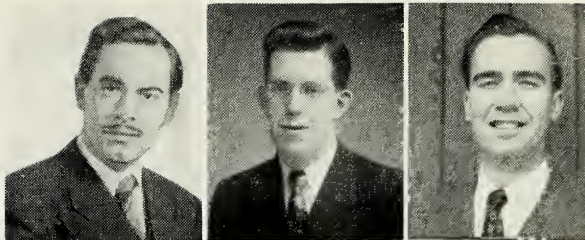


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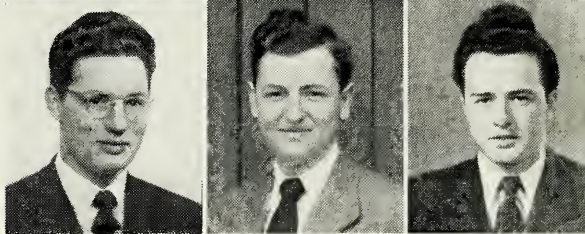
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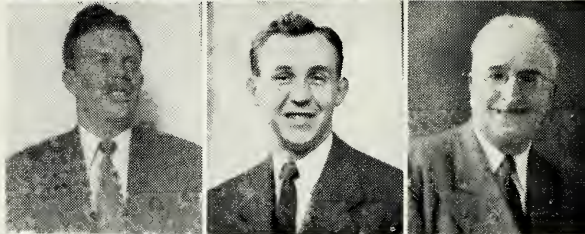
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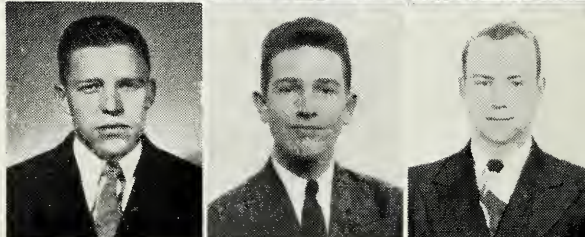
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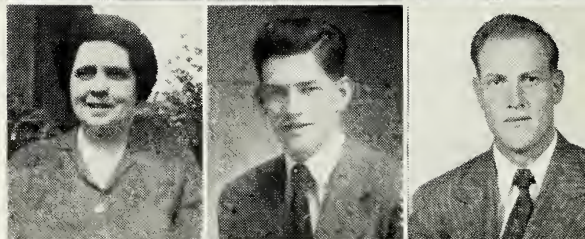
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PICTURED ABOVE

South end of north bound Scottish elders.
 Hyde Park discourse.
 Squirr gun hold-up.
 Home's a long way off.
 It's all in a day's work for the Sheffield Elders.
 Millennial Chorus sings at open-air meeting.
 Chorus manager decides on next move.
 Two points for the Sheffield Elders.
 Street display in Dublin.
 London missionaries enjoy home cooking.

LEGEND FOR PICTURES FOUND ON PAGE 209

Elder Palmer speaks at Norwich market place.
 Belfast hears Elder E. M. Gardner on Custom House steps.
 Elders Fillerup and Stewart work on Dublin welfare plot.
 Sheffield basketball squad.
 Birmingham Gold and Green Ball Queen crowned by President Eams.
 Elder Bitton's class in Rotherham Branch.
 Elder and Sister Johnson put on show for Burnley Branch.

World Church News



COMMITTEE FORMED TO SERVE CHURCH MEMBERS FROM BRITAIN.

—Organisation of a committee to serve Church members from Great Britain, headed by Andre K. Anastasiou, acting president of the British Mission during much of World War II, was announced recently. The committee was established as a result of recommendations made at a meeting March 13th in Salt Lake City addressed by Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Council of Twelve. It will be tentatively known as the British Mission Advisory Committee. Aims of the committee are to promote social and spiritual growth and help new arrivals from Britain by advising them means of solving some of their problems.

GOSPEL TO INDIAN TRIBES.—

The building of a permanent programme for carrying the Gospel message to Indians within the stakes of the Church and the bringing together of stake leadership and Indians for the first time in many areas, is occupying almost the full time and attention of Golden R. Buchanan, coordinator for the Church committee on Indian Relations.

Elder Buchanan, who is now visiting with Indian groups in the several Nevada Stakes, reports steady progress in these objectives. His programme to date has taken him into about 65 stakes of the 70 which have Indians within their borders. There are 40 stakes which have Indians residing within their borders and 30 with

Indians in their midst for a few weeks to several months each year.

RARE WOODS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL BOX.—

Rare woods from the four corners of the earth are to go into the construction of a box in which centennial records of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be sealed up, not to be opened for fifty years.

Letters are being sent to each mission president requesting a slab of wood typical of the mission area to be used in fashioning the box. It is expected that some cedar from the celebrated cedars of Lebanon will come from the Palestine-Syrian Mission.

Among articles to be placed in the box at the October conference are a written message from the present Sunday School general board, recordings of programmes and messages, a scrapbook of news stories concerning the centennial observance, pictures, programmes, lessons, and a brief history of each ward and branch Sunday School.

CHOIR SINGS HYMNS FOR RE- CORDINGS.—

When the Tabernacle lights were turned off late one Saturday night a few week ago, the Tabernacle Choir had added another page of significant history to its long list of accomplishments. For three nights they had been recording hymns and anthems for their two "Anniversary Albums."

Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, had made the announcement on the 19th anniversary of the Choir's being on the air, last July, that CBS would prepare and release, to mark the 20th anniversary, the two Choir albums, which will carry the master label of Columbia Records, Inc., a subsidiary of CBS.

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BRITISH MISSION



ARRIVALS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles on May 31st, 1949:

Elder **VERNON J. MILLER** of Las Vegas, Nevada, and former missionary to Czechoslovakia, was assigned to labour in the London District.

Elder **FRED C. GOLDTHORPE** of Salt Lake City, Utah, and former missionary to Czechoslovakia, was assigned to labour in the Birmingham District.

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles on June 3rd, 1949:

Elder **ROBERT WILLIAM SMITH** of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Leeds District.

Elder **HAROLD E. BROUGH** of Evanston, Wyoming, was assigned to labour in the Nottingham District.

Sister **LOUISA W. BROUGH** of Evanston, Wyoming, was assigned to labour in the Nottingham District.

Elder **SHELDON C. SCHOFIELD** of Spring City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Sheffield District.

Elder **ROBERT M. HAYNIE** of Logan, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Liverpool District.

Elder **JOEL V. MILLER** of Shelley, Idaho, was assigned to labour in the Manchester District.



RELEASES

Sister **JEAN HEWERDINE** was released as a missionary to the British Mission on May 16th. Sister Hewerdine laboured in the Birmingham District.

The following were released as missionaries to the British Mission on June 8th.

Elder **THOMAS E. MADILL** who laboured in the Bristol, Manchester, and Scottish Districts;

Sister **HILDA MADILL** who laboured in the Bristol, Manchester, and Scottish Districts;

Elder **HAL K. CAMPBELL** who laboured in the Leeds District;

Elder **RALPH L. JACK** who laboured in the Leeds District, serving as district president;

Elder **GEORGE W. PALMER** who laboured in the Norwich District, serving as district president.

The following were released as missionaries to the British Mission on June 15th.

Sister **LEAH LLOYD** who laboured in the Norwich and Nottingham Districts and the London Office;

Sister **CAROLINE TUCKER** who laboured in the Birmingham and Nottingham Districts.



APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Elder NEAL C. CAPEL was transferred from the Liverpool District to the Bristol District on the 7th of June.

Elder MILES H. JOHNSON was transferred from the Liverpool District to the Newcastle District on June 24th.

Sister THEODORA B. JOHNSON was transferred from the Liverpool District to the Newcastle District on June 24th.

Sister LEDA JEAN WIDDISON was transferred from the Birmingham District to the London Office on June 3rd.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by Florence Blackman

The dramatics' enthusiasts of the Birmingham Branch have long deplored the dilapidated condition of the curtains on the stage in the Handsworth chapel, so in good "Mormon" fashion, they did something about it. On May 21st, the M.I.A. sponsored a Jumble Sale and auctioned off a number of coveted articles. Everyone seemed happy about the day's procedure; even M.I.A. President Ivor Thomas seemed well pleased when he announced that the "take" for the day was £11:0:0. The day finished off with a good concert presented by the dramatic club.

On Whitsun Monday members of the Handsworth Branch took off for a big train ride and ended up in Kemilworth for a day's outing. The weather was warm and lovely. While the missionaries and some of the adults played softball, others of the group went swimming in the open-air pool, or participated in a sight-seeing tour of the old monastery ruins and beautiful church. After this the entire group visited the ruins of Kemilworth Castle; there were so many that the ticket man let the group in for half price. Counsellor Fred Webb of the branch presidency conducted the day's outing.

On April 30th four children were baptised, adding to the membership in the Birmingham District. Baptised were: Audrey Louise Knight by Samuel Jevons and confirmed by Wm. St. John Yates; Joan Ann Megeney by Leslie Lamar Megeney and confirmed by

President Garth G. Eames; Roy Alexander Craig by Derrick Craig and confirmed by Phillip Craig; and Rosalie Ann Bailey by Wm. St. John Yates and confirmed by DeLynn V. Labrum.

President Garth G. Eames in company with the district auxiliary leaders visited each branch for their conference. At almost every meeting the number of investigators present exceeded the number of members, which speaks well for the work of the missionaries in all branches.

A new branch of the Church was officially opened with a bang in Wolverhampton on June 5th. Elder Jonathan Bennett was sustained as branch president. The first meeting was held in one of the local halls in Wolverhampton, but this meeting was rudely interrupted by a small group of individuals who hadn't discovered that the Elders weren't here to steal the girls. Since then the meetings are being held in the homes of local members.

Kidderminster reports that the Sunday School took a trip to Kinver Edge on Whit Monday. Games were enjoyed and the refreshments, which included ice cream, soon disappeared. It was a very tired and sunburned group who made their way home that night, but all agreed that they had had a wonderful time.

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by Derwin J. Orgill

Wow! is the word which aptly describes the recent outing taken by the Stroud Branch. Even though the numbers were small, this group of de-

termed Stroudonians set out on June the 6th (Whit Monday) in the general



direction of the Cranham Woods. In their course of travels they encountered many obstacles; however, after touring all of the Cotswold villages in that area, and wandering all over the country side, they finally reached their long awaited destination. The day was well spent even though the small group walked 20 miles.

Flash! From Plymouth we hear that a new Branch has been organised. On Sunday, June 12th, the Plymouth Branch was officially organised under the direction of District President Hyrum P. Hatch. Elder Wallace E. Plant was sustained as branch president; Elder Robert M. Wilcox as branch clerk. We now have the warning to all other branches in the district to "watch out for Plymouth!"

On June the 6th a Cheltenham Branch outing to Wye Valley was enjoyed by some 31 adults and children. Other points of interest were visited along the way.

On June 16th, directly following an Elders' meeting of the Bristol District, the elders boarded a bus for the Swildons, where they were to go caving with Brother Stanbury of the Bristol Branch acting as their guide. Little did they know what was in store for them. The cave was one of the caves in the Mendips. It was the type where you either crawled most of the way or just stayed behind. That's exactly what the elders had to do, crawl, squirm, twist, inhale, squeeze, and at last after an arduous trip through the narrow passages they had the opportunity of taking an involuntary shower before making their exit from the cave. Yes, it was an experience that will long be remembered by the Bristol elders. The following day the elders took a trip to Windsor, visiting most of the points of interest along the way.

HULL DISTRICT

Reported by Betty Pashby

The Relief Society held a social on May 31st. John Kennington was M.C. and indoor games and dancing made

everyone breathless by the time the refreshments were served. Appetites had been worked up for the delicious "peas and chips" that were served.

Sunday evening, June 5th, was set apart for the "Sunday School." The speakers were Elder R. D. Parrey and Betty Pashby. Ann Utley gave a short talk and also played an unusual solo on the "recorder." It was a very successful evening.

The M.I.A. are now making the most of the spell of fair weather. A party of twenty-four set out in high spirits for Hessele Foreshore where baseball and other games were enjoyed. It was rather a sun-scorched and tired party that returned home after a wonderful day.

IRISH DISTRICT

Reported by Anne B. Dunn

On June 4th the first baptism of the year in Ireland was held at Helen's Bay. Mrs. Margaret Blare was baptised by Elder Richard D. Sagers while a small group of members watched from the seashore. She was confirmed the next day by Elder Melvin M. Fillerup. We wish to extend a hand of welcome to our new member and wish her much happiness in all her endeavours.

A hearty Irish welcome was accorded the Millennial Chorus on their arrival in Belfast on May 26th. The "Road Show" was presented the following night. The hall was filled to overflowing; 103 members and investigators gathered to enjoy the evening's entertainment. The Chorus presented several items, vocal and instrumental. The play, "I'll Eat My Hat," was presented by the M.I.A. under the direction of Miss Joan Taggart. Elder L. V. Merrell, Miss Joan Taggart, Miss Daphne Jamison, Miss Elsie Stewart, and Mrs. Anne Dunn were the players. The evening's entertainment was definitely a huge success.

The Millennial Chorus had an engagement for three days at the Royal Agricultural show. This was on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. The Chorus had the opportunity to sing to hundreds of people each day although they didn't have the privilege of presenting their programme for the royal party.

The activities of the Millennial Chorus in Dublin included a branch programme at which many members and investigators were present. Two street meetings were held in Dublin and due to the large crowds which gathered the first one was stopped by the police for obstructing traffic. The second one was allowed to finish although the police wouldn't let the elders pass out their tracts. The Chorus also sang before a fine gathering of young people at one of the youth hostels in Dublin.

May the Irish District take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the Millennial Chorus and pray God's blessings on all their endeavours.

The Belfast Relief Society sponsored a very unusual form of entertainment on June 13th which took the form of a "penny party." A penny was paid for admission and another penny was paid for each game in which one participated. Everyone came well prepared with a pocket full of pennies and an evening of fun was had by all.

The M.I.A. was recently re-organised in Belfast Branch with Elder George C. Scott as M.I.A. president, and Miss Jean Ditty and Miss Helen Turner are his counsellors, with Miss Daphne Jamison as secretary-treasurer. Under their capable direction the summer programme is proving to be a huge success. On June 8th a weenie roast was held at which there was a large attendance of young people. June 15th found the same group scampering up Cavehill on another M.I.A. outing. The M.I.A. summer programme promises to be brimful of fun for young and old.

LEEDS DISTRICT

Reported by Norah Stephenson

A social, including a Beetle Drive, was held in the Leeds Branch on May 21st and was sponsored by the Sunday School.

A farewell party was held in the Castleford Branch for Elder Robert I. Call on May 27th. There was a good attendance and a good time was had by all.

A Sunday School social was held in the Dewsbury Branch. Entertainment was lead by Elders Norville Craven, Marvin E. Preston and Hal K. Campbell.

The Bradford Relief Society sponsored a district social on behalf of the Building Fund on May 28th.

On Whit Tuesday three coaches from Halifax and two from Bradford, which were packed with members and friends, left for a day in Blackpool.

The journey was temporarily interrupted at Preston when everyone went to view the place by the River Ribble where the first baptism was performed in England. The journey was continued on to Blackpool where all had an expensive, but a happy time.



LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

Reported by Stephen B. Nebeker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hartley and there eleven children recently left Wigan for Liverpool where they sailed to Zion on the 3rd of June. Their arrival in "the Tops of the Mountains" was proclaimed by the Salt Lake City wireless and press. Prior to the departure of the Hartleys, a farewell social was held in the Wigan Branch Hall. Musical items and monologues were rendered by friends making the occasion a memorable one. The companionship of this family will be missed by many, but we feel assured of their success and prosperity in the years to come.

Elder Clifford Hartley baptised his daughter, Muriel W. Hartley, and Margaret Norris, at a service held in Wigan, May 8th. Elder N. C. Capel and Elder J. C. Hamilton confirmed them members of the Church.

The Liverpool Branch Relief Society held a successful dinner and social on Friday, May 20th. The proceeds were donated to the Relief Society building fund. Sister Elizabeth Souter conducted the social side of the evening and Mrs. Annie T. Willis, the Relief Society president, was responsible for a sumptuous dinner.

On Saturday, May 7th, the Nelson Branch Relief Society held a house party at the home of Mrs. Ivy Pickles. Games were enjoyed by the twenty people who attended, after which supper, which included among other things: meat patties, was served.

LONDON DISTRICT

Reported by Jean Silsbury

The Catford Branch was again in the spotlight this month. On Friday, the 12th of June, the "Catford M.I.A. Players" presented a one-act play entitled "Pot Luck." The Millennial Chorus was there to provide further entertainment for the fine attendance.

Two more members were baptised in the London District. Raymond Nielsen was baptised by Elder Quinn G. McKay and confirmed by Elder Richard D. Lambert and Ena V. Smith was baptised by Elder Hugh S. West and confirmed by President L. Ralph Meham.

Luton Branch Sunday School held its outing on June 11th. Thirty-five children and their parents spent a lovely day at Clacton. At Luton on June 15th a farewell party was held for Elder Reed. "The Sleeping Beauty" was presented by the Beehive Girls. Over half of the fifty people who attended this party were non-members.

An outing was held in the South London Branch on Whit Monday at Wimbledon Common, where there was "plenty of fun for all." An the 28th of May a "Misfit" dance was held at the South London Branch. The music was provided by "Queenie" Mead and Branch President George Bickerstaff.

The "Ravenslea Revellers," South London's concert party, presented its first show, "Something to Shout About" on June 17th and 18th. The concert party, consisting of twelve members and investigators from the Branch, was under the able direction of Richard Sansom. A variety of items and sketches were presented and went off very well. With its almost professional air those at either of the performances were agreed that it was a "tip-top" show.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT

Reported by Norman T. Woodhead

Only the Bury and Rochdale Branches of this district are in the news this month. A flood of activities have been going on in these two branches. The Bury M.I.A. combined with Bolton M.I.A. and went on a hike to Barrow Bridge, a famous old beauty spot, on the 17th of May. The trip was most enjoyable. On the 8th of June

the Bury Relief Society held a Jumble Sale to raise funds for donating to the Relief Society Building Fund in Zion. It was a great success and the sisters can feel mighty proud of their efforts. Attendance at Sacrament meetings in the Bury Branch is once again on the increase after a falling away due to the opening of the Bolton Branch.

Youth have played a prominent part in the activities of the Rochdale Branch during the past few weeks. On Sunday, the 15th of May, the evening service was given over to the commemoration of the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood during which the following young men were ordained Deacons: Leonard L. Clarke, James W. Smethurst, Niel M. Pickles, and Bernard and David Webber. Each new deacon gave a short address on the Aaronic Priesthood.

On Sunday, the 29th of May, the M.I.A. held a youth service which was well attended by many parents and friends. Sister Dorothy M. Grayshan conducted the service and Sister Margaret J. Marriott and Audrey M. Clegg spoke on various aspects of the youth work in the Church. The highlight of the service occurred when District President Brigham Gardner presented M Men pins to seven of the young men who had qualified for them under the direction of M Men President Leonard L. Clarke. As his name was called each man stepped forward and stood before President Gardner and repeated the M Men pledge. He then stepped up onto the platform and was presented with his pin. Receiving this honour were: Sylvester H. Dale, Herbert Woodhead, Robert Greenwood, James W. Smethurst, Leonard L. Clarke, and Elders Frank P. Reese and Earl A. Griger. Sylvester H. Dale was again called to the platform and there, much to his surprise, he was presented with his Master M Men certificate, the first one ever to be held in this district. Other speakers for the evening were M.I.A. President Norman T. Woodhead and President Gardner.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Evelyn Young

A public meeting was held at West Hartlepool Church on May 16th. A large gathering of members and friends were present to hear President Selvov J. Boyer of the British Mission and Elder Bruce R. Curtis speak of the

principles of the Gospel, touching upon such unique Latter-day Saint doctrines as the pre-existence. During the evening Miss Gladys Quayle and Miss Grace Wright sang "Teach Me To Pray." "The Stranger in Galilee" was rendered by Mrs. Myrtle Robertson.

On Whit Monday the M.I.A. held a district outing to Crimdon Dene, where the missionaries were

challenged to a game of English football by the local brethren. Games, treasure hunt, and sports formed the basis of the afternoon's entertainment.



The following Wednesday members of South Shields, Sunderland and Newcastle City Branches gathered on the beach at South Shields where they tried to work off some of their aches and pains by having a game of D-Ball together with other games and sports. At both outings all those present had a wonderful time. It is interesting to note that several investigators were in attendance.

Every Sunday open-air meetings are held at the Bigg Market, Newcastle, generally under the direction of Elders David H. Simister and Boyd K. Storey. Large crowds gather to hear the missionaries bearing testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel. Members of Newcastle City Branch can tell you how fruitful those meetings have been.

A baptismal service was held in the Sunderland Church on Saturday, May 21st, with President F. W. Oates presiding. Baptised were: Miss Mary Elizabeth Burnicle by Elder Reed A. Benson and confirmed by President Oates; Miss Maureen Copeland by Elder Victor E. Gilbert and confirmed by Elder Bruce McGuire; Mrs. Joyce Short by Elder Maurice Derbyshire and confirmed by Elder Joseph Fisher; and Mr. Joseph Maddeson Brodie by Elder Thomas E. Dalling and confirmed by Elder David Simister. There were seventy members and friends in attendance. The baptism was followed by the District Union meeting in which forty-six officers and teachers participated.

NORWICH DISTRICT

Reported by T. M. Aldous

A variety of entertainment was enjoyed by nearly one hundred people at the St. Giles' parish hall when the "Tip-Top Juveniles," a troupe of young children, performed under the direction of one of the local sisters. A charge of 1s. 6d. was made with the proceeds going to the Norwich Branch auxiliary organisations.

A farewell social was held May 26th at the Lowestoft Branch school room in honour of Violet Coleby and Gladys Walpole who later left for the United States on the "Queen Elizabeth." The fifty present enjoyed the programme and also the refreshments provided by the Relief Society. Following a presentation to the two sisters by the branch president in behalf of the branch, Violet Coleby gave a short talk.

A baptismal service was held May 24th at the Norwich chapel for George Arthur Shreeve of Lowestoft, who was baptised by Elder Valton E. Jackson and confirmed by President Noble V. King.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by June Wilson

On May 28th at Leicester baths Edna Carol Rush was baptised by Elder James M. Toone and confirmed by Elder Sidney J. Nebeker.

Under the direction of Sister Jessie Cotterill a Sunday School social was held at Hucknall on Saturday, May 14th, with President Hayes taking charge of items and games. A good time was had by all.

Mansfield Saints took the Sunday School and Primary children on a delightful day's outing to Hardwich Hall which included a ten mile walk.

A "Bring and Buy" sale was organised by Dorothy Simpson and was held on the 19th of June at Mansfield. The purpose was to raise funds which will help towards a district canning machine. The amazing sum of £3:2:9 was realised.

President Russ Ballard of the Nottingham District has newly assigned Elders Elmer M. Hogge and Norris R. Graves to labour in Lincoln. Meetings are now being held at Brace Bridge

Co'op Guild Room, Corner of Manby Street and Newark Road at 6.0 p.m. every Sunday evening.

On May 13th the Leicester Branch M.I.A. held a successful social and dance with 60 people in attendance. On Sunday, June 5th, the Sunday School took over the evening service. Every one of the 65 people in attendance had an inspiring time. On the same evening a special welcome back was given to Elder and Sister Harold Brough. Sister Brough was formerly a member of the Leicester Branch.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Reported by Betty Houston

The Airdrie Branch held a combined auxiliary and farewell party in honour of Elder David E. Bean on the 1st of June with forty-five in attendance. Games, songs, dances, and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Elder Bean was given a remembrance from the branch. Sister Parks was in charge of the programme and the Relief Society was in charge of the refreshments assisted by friends. The Airdrie Beehive Girls held a closing social under the direction of Eister Agnes Thom and Jean Kelly. There were fifteen in attendance and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The Aberdeen Branch held a farewell social in honour of Sister Findlay and her daughter, Ella, who sailed for the U.S.A. on May 13th. A special note of interest in Aberdeen is the holding of a discussion group which has been an attraction to many investigators.

An outdoor party was held in King's Park to mark the commencement of the M.I.A. summer activities. This party was acclaimed a great success by all in attendance. On the 11th of June the Sunday School held their annual picnic at Roslin Dell. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a really fine time.

The 12th of June marked a special day, for the Scottish District held on that day a Genealogical Conference in Edinburgh under the direction of Sister Hilda Mary Woodford, Scottish Genealogical supervisor. A very fine programme was presented and inspirational talks were given by James R. Cunningham and Frank Smith.

A baptismal service was held on the 5th of June at the Bathgate public



baths. Thelma Morgan was baptised by Elder J. W. Grant and confirmed by Elder B. M. Harrison. Mary Patricia Macrae Lowmson was baptised by Elder Grant and

confirmed by Elder D. E. Bean.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

Reported by Arvilla Smith

Mother's Day programme, conducted by Sunday School Superintendent Raymond Walker, was presented on May 8th in the Sheffield chapel. Musical items and recitations were given by the children. Each mother was presented with a white flower by her own son or daughter. District President David E. Gledhill gave a reading about mother.

After union meeting held May 28th in the Sheffield chapel, refreshments were served by the Relief Society sisters. As added entertainment a picture show was arranged by M.I.A. President Kenneth Bailey.

A special Sunday evening programme was conducted by Sunday School Superintendent Raymond Walker. Speeches were given by Rita Hardy, Marie Adams, and George H. Smith of the Mission Sunday School Board.

Sheffield District members, friends and missionaries enjoyed an outing to Hexthorpe Flats, Doncaster, where a good time was had in races and games. Preceding this, the M.I.A. of all branches were entertained to a social evening by musical items, readings, and games. Refreshments were served by the Doncaster M.I.A. In charge of arrangements was Peggy Card, district M.I.A. supervisor.

Missionary representatives of Leeds and Sheffield Districts met in a ball game at Pontefract on June the 11th. The Sheffield elders came out on the long end of a 5-0 score.

Beehive swarm day was held June 20th in the Sheffield chapel. Various stages of the work in first-aid, physical culture, dancing, drama and music were demonstrated by the girls. Awards were presented by Sister Rita Hardy, the Y.W.M.I.A. president.

WELSH DISTRICT

Reported by Gladys Mason

Thomas Reese Jenkins, a leader for many years of the Church of Christ at Bridgend, was baptised and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on May 20th, 1949.

Sisters Souter and Baird of the Liverpool District were visitors at Cardiff on Friday, June 10th. They were shown places of interest in and around the city.

Elders Thomas Duffin and Richard Farraway, who for many months have been labouring at Barry, have been assigned to labour in Cardiff.

Welsh District Genealogical Conference was held Sunday, May 22nd, at the Landaff Field Recreation House in Cardiff. James R. Cunningham of the Mission Genealogical Board was present and supervised the conference. All genealogical officers of the Welsh District were present.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Spring Series

LIVERPOOL

Young people ushered in conference activities in the Liverpool District by presenting a programme depicting "Youth and the Church." The highlight of the morning session was a "stage fireside" at which District President Leland W. Rawson spoke on the importance of temple marriage.

The mission presidency and their wives addressed the afternoon and evening congregations, giving the Saints and investigators some edifying spiritual thoughts. Musical numbers consisting of piano solos, a recording of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, and selections from the Burnley-Nelson Branch Chorus, rounded out a successful 1949 Spring Conference.

NOTTINGHAM

The Nottingham District conference was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Shakespeare Street on May 22nd with Mission President Selvoy J. Boyer and Sister Gladys Boyer in attendance. District President M. R. Ballard conducted the meetings.

Three sessions were well attended by friends and members. The children's programme was held in the morning in which children ranging in age from three to fifteen years impersonated the early presidents of the Church and

told of the missions of the world and their growth.

The afternoon and evening sessions included many inspiring talks. Musical numbers were rendered by the Nottingham District Elders' Chorus and the Leicester Branch Choir. There were 606 in attendance at the three sessions.

LONDON

The London District conference held in the Victoria Hall was once more very successful with its attendance of over 300 at the afternoon and evening meetings. In the morning session a fine children's programme was presented under the direction of Sister June Carlisle. The theme of the children's songs and recitations, "Happiness," was personified in their faces as they took part.

The British Mission Presidency was in attendance: President Selvoy J. Boyer and President George F. Poole, who were accompanied by their wives, and President Leland W. Rawson. The Millennial Chorus made a welcome return to sing at the conference. Other items of music were presented by Elder Hardy with a violin solo and Sisters Moss and Clark and Marie Hill in a vocal trio. Gwendoline Silsbury rendered a beautiful soprano solo. District President L. R. Meham conducted the conference.

PERSONALS

BIRTHS

SHREAVES. — Carol Shreaves was blessed by Elder A. M. Swan on June 5th.

COLEBY.—Linda Rosemarie Coleby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Coleby, was blessed by her father at the Lowestoft Branch chapel on June 5th.

LESLIE.—Ronald Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie of the Cheltenham Branch, was born June 1st.

DAWSON.—Jean Dawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dawson, was blessed on May 8th by Elder Clifford Hartley.

FOX.—Paul Gilbert Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Fox, was blessed on May 22nd by Elder Grant R. Dalton.

KENNINGTON. — Trevor Charles Kennington was blessed by Elder R. D. Parry on June 5th.

DEATHS

BUCHANAN. — Memorial services were held in Salt Lake City on June 1st for Robert B. Buchanan who was killed in action over Belgium in 1944 while returning from a bombing mission to Germany. His body had been returned to America. Elder Buchanan fulfilled a two year mission in Great Britain during 1937-1939. Members of the Millennial Chorus, with whom he sang while on his mission, were present to render several numbers.

EMIGRATIONS

HEWERDINE. — Travelling by the "S.S. America" the Hewardine family of Mansfield emigrated to Utah. A. H. Hewardine, May Hewardine and their daughter Jean who has just finished a six months' mission left England on the 9th of June.

MASSEY. — Susie Massey of the Mansfield Branch emigrated to Utah on the 9th of June aboard the "S.S. America."

HOLLINGSWORTH. — Leslie and Millcent Hollingsworth of the Mans-

field Branch, with their small son Peter, left England for Utah aboard the "S.S. America" on the 9th of June.

HARTLEY.—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hartley of Wigan, and their eleven children, emigrated to Salt Lake City on the 3rd of June.

COLEBY. — Violet Coleby of the Lowestoft Branch emigrated to the United States aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" during May.

WALPOLE.—Gladys Walpole of the Lowestoft Branch emigrated to the United States aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" during May.

FINDLAY. — Mrs. Findlay and her daughter Ella of Aberdeen sailed aboard the "S.S. Washington" on the 13th of May for America. They will make their new home in Mesa, Arizona.

MARRIAGES

SMITH-MORRIS. — On Saturday, June 4th, Ena V. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Letchworth, and Mr. Charles Ray Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morris of Hexham, were married in Letchworth. The couple are members of the Luton Branch.

DEAN-FUDGE.—On Saturday, June 11th, at the Sunderland chapel, Mrs. Katherine Dean of Felling was married to Mr. George Fudge, Snr. of Rowlands Gill. District President F. W. Oates officiated at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Fudge are both members of the Newcastle City Branch.

BARNESLEY-SUNDERLAND. — The only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnesley of Hucknall, Audrey Barnesley, was married to George Sunderland of Nottingham Branch by President Selvoy J. Boyer of the British Mission at the Sheffield Church Hall. President Russ Ballard of the Nottingham District gave the bride away and Elder Kieth Tibbitts acted as best man. The reception, which followed immediately after the ceremony, was attended by 80 guests.

THE CHURCH AND THE PRESS

IN BRITAIN



founded in New York in 1830, and among its tenets are baptism by immersion. The co-operative spirit is also conspicuously developed.

Some 5,000 young members of the order are voluntarily and at their own expense devoting two years to missionary work. Elder Derbyshire said to-day that they had had a reasonably good reception at West Hartlepool.

Darlington Dispatch

Two pleasant, soft-spoken Americans are making a door-to-door tour of Darlington at present, seeking converts to their faith. The two men, both of whom are only 21, are Victor Earl Gilbert of Castle Gate, Utah, and Merrill Reed Balls of Soda Springs, Idaho. They are missionaries for the Latter-day Saints, or Mormons, a sect which was the subject of much fierce controversy in America in the last century. Joseph Smith, the founder and Prophet of Mormonism was shot dead when an infuriated mob broke into a gaol in 1844, largely as a result of exaggerated rumours about Mormon practices, including polygamy. Missionaries have gone out to all parts of the world, and they made their first converts in England as long ago as 1837.

The two missionaries at present touring the town are attached to the local church of the Latter-day Saints, which holds Sunday meetings in the Foresters' Hall, Northgate. They are paying their own expenses while carrying on missionary work in England, and the only money they receive from their church is the fare back to America. Victor Gilbert's father was a missionary in Darlington 36 years ago. Mr. Gilbert himself has spent several months in the town.

THE following are extracts from recent publications in Great Britain pertinent to the Church:

Northern Daily Mail (W. Hartlepool).

Two young Americans, one a former Navy man who served in the Pacific during the war, are conducting a house-to-house canvass of the Hartlepoons in search of converts to the Church of Latter-day Saints, which has its headquarters and chief temple at Salt Lake City, Utah.

One of the pair, Elder Maurice Derbyshire of Salt Lake City was born at Middlesbrough. He is a son of members of the religious order, who later emigrated to America and at their own expense have returned their son for a two-year missionary period in the United Kingdom.

Elder Grant Hofler of Logan, Utah, served with the American Navy in the Pacific zone during the war, and on his return to the United States hopes to enter the building trade.

The total number of worshippers at the Church of Latter-day Saints in Osborne Road, West Hartlepool, is approximately 90. The movement was

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prepare the hearts and minds of the Latter-day Saints for this responsibility.

The restored Gospel declares that man is a child of God. A human being is more than a physical creation. Man is also a spiritual being who lived with God before his earthly career began. Pre-existence is a doctrine of the Church which places man in the family of his Eternal Father by whom also he was begotten spiritually. The purpose behind mortal life is growth, development, and eternal progression. Man is a free agent. He has been given the right of choice, whether for good or bad. He is therefore responsible for

his actions and is accountable for them before the All-wise Judge. The Gospel plan provides guidance through channels which are reliable and by means and methods which cannot be frustrated. The course to be pursued has been clearly outlined by Prophets, ancient and modern. The beacon light shines today, for God has spoken and the Gospel of His Son has been revealed to man. The Creator of heaven and earth has manifested His power. His work is going forward among the children of men, the everlasting Gospel is being preached and explained without fear or favour and righteousness is gaining a foothold in a world disrupted and torn asunder by sin and disobedience.

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it in my power to walk it again, but the false starts, the foolish mistakes, the faltering steps I would happily omit were I to try again. Yet, even the mistakes have been profitable, for by them I have learned valuable lessons. Over a year ago on my note pad in a conspicuous position I wrote these words of self-admonishment: "I don't care what other people think as long as my God and I know I've tried my best." Fear of ridicule had robbed me many times of the confidence that a representative of the Lord has a right to possess.

What of the tangible fruits of my labours? In truth, I cannot say that I have converted a soul. I have baptised a few, all of whom heard the

Gospel in part at least from other lips than mine, and I have borne witness of the truth to many. But by now I have learned that the Spirit of the Lord converts, not the one who bears the message.

All these thoughts now flash past the open window of my mind. As they pass in array, my overwhelming emotion is one of gratitude—gratitude for having been permitted to come to this great land as a missionary, for the friends and the experiences it has brought, for the realisation of past blessings it has given me, and most of all for the abiding testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ I have gained.

It is but two short years in the mission field that have passed in review before me, but I will bear their impression throughout eternity.

THE language of reason, unaccompanied by kindness, will often fail of making an impression; it has no effect on the understanding, because it touches not the heart. The language of kindness, unassociated with reason, will frequently be unable to persuade; because, though it may gain upon the affections, it wants that which is necessary to convince the judgment. But let reason and kindness be united in a discourse, and seldom will even pride or prejudice find it easy to resist.—Grisborne

THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY IN GREAT BRITAIN

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Winston Churchill who directed that a nationwide survey of the activities of the Mormon missionaries be made. However, when pressed as to what action the British government intended to take against the Mormon missionaries, he replied: "I have not so far discovered any grounds for legislation in the matter."

The two wars have seen the removal of foreign missionaries from this land, but the work of the Lord was carried on by local missionaries and members. For 112 years the message of the restored Gospel has been given to Great Britain, resulting in converts numbering in excess of 128,000. By adding to this number the descendants of these Saints, noting the prominent Church leaders that were born in this land, a portion of what the British Mission has contributed to the furthering of the Lord's work can be estimated.

Over the past years there has been no change in the objectives of the missionaries as they come to and go from their field of labour. It is an humble and steadfast spirit that has carried them through these many years of missionary endeavour in Great Britain.

A change, however, can be noted in the attitude of the people. The eagerness of the public to find something that will give an explanation to their existence is not to be found as it was in the early days. The Bible cannot be used as "proof" of latter-day revelation. The Book of Mormon, as days go by, becomes more and more a convincing evidence of the divine calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith, but day by day there appears to be a more difficult task in presenting this fact to the people. "Why?" you say. The answer seems to be found in the thoughts of the people themselves. Confused by the multifarious doctrines of men, they appear to have given up in despair any hope of a belief in a "God who speaks." They are not looking for added light from their Heaven-

ly Father. They are convinced, evidence to the contrary, that the experiences as recorded in the ancient scriptures are events peculiar to those times. The problems of the missionary today are thus altered to a certain degree. Although traditional methods remain an integral and necessary part of missionary activity, further demonstration with modern methods appears to be an ever-increasing necessity.

Oftentimes it becomes a task on the part of the missionary of today to present his message in a manner that will appear attractive to those he may contact, and yet that will in no way be a compromise of the principles which have been given to the world by God. The use of the radio, advertisements, sports, and musical features such as the Millennial Chorus give to the missionary opportunity to demonstrate his way of life as well as providing him with an outlet for his talents. It is necessary to show by the fruits of this organisation its value to the world. Yet it remains for the missionary to capitalise upon these means of publicity by getting into the homes of the people thus contacted and there present the "meat" of the message. This latter objective necessitates the use of traditional methods such as tracting, street meetings, etc.

During the period of Latter-day Church history the British Mission has been singled out as the most fruitful mission within the Church. It is said that over three-fourths of the members of the Church can trace at least one branch of their progenitors back to this land. Today over 215 missionaries are continuing the work begun 112 years ago. They are taking this Gospel to the homes of the British people. Although behind is a glorious history of missionary accomplishments, in the years ahead there can be seen even "greater works" to be achieved in this great land.

ANSWER TO "A PUZZLER"

Ed, Gary, Ted, Tom, Ned, Roy,
Dean, Dale, Dan, Pat, and Nat.

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minister, and I marvelled that one with such limited information of the beliefs of the Latter-day Saints would represent himself as an authority on the subject and become the author of a book written against them. No doubt this accounts for the many false statements contained therein.

It seemed incredible that a Christian gentleman of intelligence would not accept the testimony of a fellow Christian, uttered in all sincerity and supported by abundant proof of the conditions in Utah. Not only does Mr. Bartlett still believe that "well groomed young men" are at present in England searching for young girls to teach them Celestial marriage (plural marriage) but he claims that only recently he received a personal letter from an eminent leader of his church in the U.S.A. asking if he could not do something to save the pure young English girls from this pitfall. We took the liberty of asking to see the letter or get the name of the writer, but were refused.

It was a keen disappointment to one born in England, a Christian land where tolerance and freedom of speech

are upheld, to be told that if we as missionaries circulated our tracts in a certain parish, that this gentleman would be compelled to warn the people against us.

By request Mr. Barlett gave me a copy of his book entitled "The Mormons or Latter-day Saints—Whence Came They." This is principally a collection of bitter, false and misleading statements penned by anti-Mormon writers of almost a century ago. He consented to autograph the book and wrote therein—"Given to Elizabeth Souter—As a warning against Mormonism—10th June, 1949."

But this warning has come too late. In gratitude I thank my Heavenly Father that I became a convert to "Mormonism" in Liverpool, England, and that adherence to the high moral standards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has freed me from the evils of tobacco, liquor, etc., that are bringing so much misery in the world today. I thank Him for the abundant blessings, both temporal and spiritual, that I have enjoyed among the Mormon people who in my opinion are truly striving to live the daily, consistent, Christian life.

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Because it has been some 20 years since any recordings of the Choir have been made, millions of listeners throughout the entire world wait anxiously to have the Choir on records so that they can hear them at their convenience. It is anticipated that albums will be available for commercial distribution early this autumn.

NEW MISSION OPENED IN CHINA.

—Passing through the Hawaiian Islands are President and Mrs. Hilton Robertson and their daughter, Carolyn, who arrived recently and are awaiting their transportation to China. President Robertson will preside over the new Chinese Mission of the Church. He is familiar with Oriental customs and life, having presided over the

Japanese Mission and the General Pacific Mission.

PRESIDENT SMITH RECEIVES

SCOUT HONOURS.—President George Albert Smith, a member of the national executive board, Boy Scouts of America, for more than 20 years and the ranking scouter of the Church, was elected to the advisory committee of the executive board recently. Because of the press of many other duties, President Smith had submitted his resignation from the national executive board a year ago. This was not accepted until the 38th annual meeting of the national council last month in Boston. Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve, adviser to the Mutual Improvement Associations, was elected to the national executive board, continuing the representation of the Church on that body which supervises youth affairs throughout the nation.

THOUGHTS BY THE WAY

Sometimes an open mind in one that is too porous to hold conviction.

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A country cannot well subsist without liberty, nor liberty without virtue.

★

"In this life we're toiling onward,
To a goal we never reach;
But our actions help or hinder,
And our words retard or teach."

★

Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable; however, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable.
—Chesterfield

★

Much happiness is overlooked because it doesn't cost anything.

★

Truth is one;
And, in all lands beneath the sun
Whoso hath eyes to see may see
The tokens of its unity.

—Whittier

LAUGHS BY THE WAY

"You ought to buy your son an encyclopaedia," the book agent said, "now that he is going to school."

"Not on your life," came back the father. "Let him walk, the same as I did."

★

An advertisement of a laundry on Spruce Street, Philadelphia: "WHY KILL YOUR WIFE? LET US DO YOUR DIRTY WORK."

★

A listener, noting that the lady missionaries at one of the Hyde Park meetings did not sing, questioned one of the Elders, "Why is it that women in your church do not sing?" Replied the thoughtful missionary, "Maybe it's because we only have 'hymn' books in the church."

★

A regular patron was dining in a smart restaurant. Another customer sat down at his table and tied his napkin around his neck. The manager, scandalized, called for a boy and said to him: "Try to make him understand as tactfully as possible that that's not done."

Boy (seriously to customer): "A shave or haircut, sir?"

★

A little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice.

"I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"Wasn't talking to you," said the small one firmly.

★

Teacher (answering phone): "You say Billy Smith has a bad cold and can't come to school? Who is this speaking?"

Voice (with assumed hoarseness): "This is my father."

★

Rastus: "Why is it dat a black cow gives white milk what makes yellow buttah?"

Sambo: "Dat's easy; for de same reason dat blackberries is red when da is green."

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

Aberdeen:

11, Albyn Place.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Accrington:

97, Blackburn Road,
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Airdrie:

40, Hallcraig Street.
Sunday School ... 1.0
Sacrament Meeting 2.30

Barnsley:

34, Victoria Road,
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Belfast:

13, The Mount,
Sunday School ... 11.30
Sacrament Meeting 7.0

Birmingham:

23, Booth Street,
Handsworth.
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Blackburn:

4, Heaton Street,
Blackburn.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Bolton:

Spinner's Hall,
St. George Road.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Bournemouth:

Fellowship Hall,
11, Kimberley Road,
West Southbourne.
Sunday School ... 11.15
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Bradford:

L.D.S. Chapel,
Woodlands Street,
Off City Road.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Brighton:

Moulscombe Hall,
Lewes Road.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 4.30

Bristol:

2, Zion Road,
Off Stapleton Road.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Burnley:

L.D.S. Chapel,
1, Liverpool Road,
Rosegrove.
Sunday School ... 2.0
Sacrament Meeting 4.0

Bury:

Band Hall,
Hampton Street,
Radcliffe.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Cambridge:

Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Cardiff:

Llandaff Fields
Recreation Hall,
Cardiff.
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Castleford:

85, Carlton Street.
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Carlisle:

Trades Hall,
Scotch Street,
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Cheltenham:

St. Mark's
Community Centre,
Brooklyn Road.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Darlington:

Foresters Hall,
151, High Northgate.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Denton (Manchester):

493, Manchester Road,
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Derby:

Unity Hall,
Burton Road.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.15

Dewsbury:

10, Oxford Road.
Sunday School ... 11.15
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Doncaster:

3, Trafford Street.
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Dublin:

29, Clare Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 7.0

Dundee:

Masonic Hall,
22, Barrack Street.
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Eastwood:

Church Street.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Edinburgh:

Ruskin House,
15, Windsor Street.
Sunday School ... 12.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Glasgow:

Christian Institute,
70, Bothwell Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Gravesend:

142, Parrock Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Grimsby:

6, Migar House,
Garth Lane.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Halifax:

25, Union Street.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Hucknall:

Byron Buildings,
Oval Street,
Market Square.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

Hull:

L.D.S. Chapel,
Corner of
Wellington Lane and
Berkeley Street.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

Hyde:

Barnfield Academy,
Market Street.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30

- Kidderminster:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
Park Street,
Sunday School ... 10.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Kilmarnock:**
Co-operative Institute,
Riccarton.
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Leeds:**
Leeds City Museum,
Park Row.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Leicester:**
All Saints' Open,
Great Central Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Liverpool:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
301, Edge Lane,
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 5.0
- London:**
149, Nightingale Lane,
Balham, S.W.12.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
Hall of Remembrance,
59, Clissold Road,
London, N.16.
Sunday School ... 10.15
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
Cooperative Hall,
Brownhill Road,
Catford, S.E.6.
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 4.30
- Loughborough:**
132, Station Street.
Sunday School ... 2.0
Sacrament Meeting 3.0
- Lowestoft:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
20, Clapham Road.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Luton:**
Dallow Road Hall,
123, Dallow Road.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Mansfield:**
39a, Albert Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Merthyr Tydfil:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
Penyard Road.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Middlesbrough:**
A.B.U. Hall,
25, Abingdon Road.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Nelson:**
Co-operative
Lecture Rooms,
26, Albert Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Newcastle City:**
Property Mart,
12, Eldon Square,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Sunday School ... 4.15
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Northampton:**
89, St. Michael's Rd.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Norwich:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
60, Park Lane,
Sunday School ... 10.45
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Nottingham:**
28, Loughborough Rd.,
West Bridgford.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.15
- Nuneaton:**
Masonic Hall,
Newdegate Street.
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 5.0
- Oldham:**
L.D.S. Hall,
Neville Street,
Chadderton.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Oxford:**
Liberal Hall,
George Street,
Summertown, Oxford.
Sunday School ... 4.45
Sacrament Meeting 3.30
- Plymouth:**
Recreation Room,
Farley's Rusk Factory,
Peverell.
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Preston:**
44, Arenham Street,
Off Fishergate.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Rochdale:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
Lower Sheriff Street.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Rotherham:**
Brentwood
Private Hotel.
Evening Meeting 6.0
- Scarborough:**
Roscoe Rooms,
Roscoe Street.
Sacrament Meeting 7.0
- Sheffield:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
Corner of Ellesmere
and Lyons Road,
Pitsmoor.
Sunday School ... 2.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- South Shields:**
L.N.E.R. Ambulance
Hall,
Hudson Street,
Tyne Dock.
Sunday School ... 3.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- St. Albans:**
111, Charmouth Rd.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Stockport:**
Textile Hall,
Chestergate.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.30
- Stroud:**
Holloway Institute,
Russell Street.
Sunday School ... 10.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Sunderland:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
18, Tunstall Road.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Varteg (Pontypool):**
Ambulance Hall,
Hospital Road,
Pontnewynydd.
Sunday School ... 2.30
Sacrament Meeting 4.15
- West Hartlepool:**
L.D.S. Chapel,
15, Osborne Road.
Sunday School ... 11.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0
- Wigan:**
Over Halford's Cycle
Shop,
6, Standishgate St.
Sunday School ... 2.0
Sacrament Meeting 6.0

GOLDEN MOMENTS

By EVANS E. ROYLE

OF the many outstanding missionaries in the history of the Restored Church none have enjoyed more visible signs of success than did Willford Woodruff. Though he did not possess great oratorical abilities, his humility, straightforwardness, and sincerity gave to his words efficacy which influenced all those who heard him.

In 1840 he came to the British Isles and began his labours in Staffordshire. For several weeks he preached to the people there. One Sunday afternoon during a meeting he was instructed by the Spirit that he should labour farther to the south. Within a few days he was in the farming districts of Herefordshire. Here he stopped at the home of Mr. John Benbow, a wealthy farmer in Ledbury. Elder Woodruff introduced himself as a missionary who had been sent to the British Isles bearing the message of a restored Gospel. Mr. Benbow received him kindly and told him that there were some six hundred persons in that area who had broken off from one of the orthodox churches and had taken the name of 'The United Brethren.' They were in possession of several meeting houses and there were forty-five ministers among them. They taught from the Bible and had discarded the popular teachings of the day that were not confirmed in that volume of scripture.

Elder Woodruff scheduled a series of meetings and announced his presence throughout the countryside. Each time the hall was filled. The congregations of other churches deserted their ministers and came to hear the humble elder who spoke with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In a little over a month's time more than six hundred were baptised.

However, the local parish rector did not appreciate having his congregation taken away from him. On March 8th a constable was sent to arrest Elder Woodruff for "preaching to the people"—an infamous offence indeed! He informed the officer that he had a license to preach but that if he would take a seat and wait until the end of the meeting, he would be happy to assist him in every way possible. He then delivered an address on the first principles of the Gospel. At the close of the meeting, the door was opened for baptism. Among the many that came forth, including several ministers, was the constable who humbly said, "Mr. Woodruff, I would like to be baptised." He then returned to the rector who had sent him, telling him that he had just heard the only true Gospel sermon in his life and that if he wanted a writ served on Mr. Woodruff, he would have to do it himself.

At length, two clerks from the rector's church were sent to spy at one of the meetings. The inspired words of Elder Woodruff touched their hearts and they too were baptised. The rector tried once more to thwart their activities. He met with a group of other ministers and they drafted a petition to the Archbishop of Canterbury which urged him to request Parliament to pass a law to prohibit the Mormons from preaching in the British Nation. The Archbishop replied that if the ministers valued the worth of souls at heart as much as they valued the ground where hares, foxes, and hounds ran they would not lose so many of their flocks.

Elder Woodruff carried on with the Lord's work and within eight short months had baptised over fifteen hundred persons.